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PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ABEL CASTRO, 41, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 63 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following his guilty plea to possession of a firearm by an illegal alien. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Metropolitan Drug Task Force.

On October 14, 2006, DEA and the Metropolitan Drug Task Force executed a search warrant at CASTRO's residence following information obtained from confidential informants. CASTRO resided in the 3200 block of North Patton Drive, Indianapolis. The investigating agencies seized \$92,790 in currency and a firearm from the residence. The investigating agencies believe that the money was the proceeds of cocaine trafficking activity.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also imposed three years supervised release following CASTRO's release from imprisonment. CASTRO, a citizen of Mexico, will be deported from the United States following the completion of the sentence. Judge Hamilton also ordered CASTRO to forfeit the money seized from his residence.

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